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1. Until 5 July 1951, the Alte Kaserne in Burg (M 53/Y 61) was occupied by about 50 officers and 500 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Four tanks and 1 SP gun were noticed in the billeting area. One four-wheeled armored reconnaissance car, 3 four-wheeled armored personnel carriers and 3 motorcycles entered the installation.

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2. The Alte Kaserne was occupied to capacity until 6 July. Field training with T-34 tanks was observed daily at the drill field adjoining the billeting area, whereas no training activity was noticed in the billeting area proper. Up to 15 tanks were seen parked in the barracks yard. Six T-34 tanks, including Nos 024 and 470, were seen moving from the Kraehenberge training area toward the Alte Kaserne on 6 July. (1)
3. The Neue Kaserne quartered an artillery unit prior to 6 July. Eight officers, including a major, and 50 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, arrived aboard a passenger train from the direction of Magdeburg and marched to the Neue Kaserne on 23 June. Crews of 5 soldiers, each group practicing with 4 artillery pieces, were seen at the drill field south of the installation on 6 July. Forty artillery pieces of various calibers were counted in the barracks yard.
4. Troops seen in the Kraehenberge training area on 4 July included about 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets who received field training; and crews, of 1 officer and 15 soldiers each, who practiced limbering and unlimbering

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with 4 caterpillar tractors towing artillery pieces of about 100-mm. (2) One jeep, 10 trucks and 2 tank trucks passed through Burg at 9:30 p.m. on 4 July and proceeded toward Berlin. The trucks carried from 15 to 20 soldiers each. One of them towed a field kitchen, and 2 of them

5. A fenced-in radio installation, containing 3 one-family houses and 1 wooden shed, was located near the Neue Kaserne. One of the houses had, on its roof, an observation platform which had a continuous guard detail. Six antenna masts, about 7 meters high, belonged to the installation, which was connected with the Neue Kaserne by a telephone line. An ammunition dump of 2 wooden sheds surrounded by a fence was located southeast of the Neue Kaserne. (4)

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